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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOS COMMENTS ON LEBANON

1. DURING JAN 28 MEETING WITH NIMEIRI'S ARAB ADVISOR MAJOR (RET) MAMOUN AWAD ABU ZEID, HE RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS CHANGE IN USG POLICY TOWARD LEBANON. ABU ZEID EXPLAINED THAT WHEREAS HE UNDERSTOOD WE HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON'S AFFAIRS WE HAD RECENTLY SPOKEN FAVORABLY OF A SETTLEMENT IN LEBANON BEING REACHED BY THE SYRIANS AND THE LEBANESE. ABU ZEID THOUGHT THIS TYPE OF LINE COULD BE UNHELPFUL TO PRESIDENT SADAT. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN OUR POSITON, AND THAT OUR SETTLED POLICY IS TO OPPOSE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN LEBANON FROM ANY QUARTER. HE ASKED ABU ZEID FOR SOURCE HIS INFORMATION. ABU ZEID REPLIED VAGUELY THAT HE THOUGHT HE HAD READ IT SOMEWHERE BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SUNA JAN 29 REPORTS APPEAL FROM NIMEIRI TO ALL PARTIES "IN LEBANON" TO OBSERVE CEASFIRE AND
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RESTORE NORMAL LIFE. NIMEIRI TOLD SUNA HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED

RE LOSS OF LIFE LEBANON AND THUS "I FIND IT QUITE NATURAL SUPPORT
COMMENDABLE EFFORTS" OF SYRIA, AS WELL AS LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN
AUTHORITIES "TO END ARAB BLOODBATH AND REMOVE ALL SIGNS
OF ARMED CONFLICT IN LEBANON".

3. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOS COMMENTS REFLECT SUDANESE SENSITIVITY
LEST ENDORSEMENT SYRIAN MEDIATION APPEAR TO GIVE ASSAD SPECIAL
ROLE IN LEBANON AT THE EXPENSE OF SADAT, WHOM SUDANESE DESIRE
CONTINUE SUPPORT. NIMEIRI STATEMENT NO DOUBT REGARED BY GOS
AS MINIMAL PUBLIC REACTION REQUIRED BY LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS.
IN EVENT DEPT HAS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE RE USG POLICY TOWARD
LEBANON IN CONTEXT CURRENT INTER-ARAB JOCKEYING WHICH MAY BE
USED IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH ABU ZEID, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
INSTRUCTIONS. BREWER

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